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Chairman State of California  
Board of Prison Terms  
1515 K Street Suite 600  
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**Re: Inmate Jeff Perrotte; H 89472**

Dear Sir:

My association as a friend to Jeff Perrotte dates back to early in 2004. We began exchanging letters, and I read nearly everything I could find about Jeff and the sorry tragedy he created in taking the life of Mr. Jilly Rizzo.

It is easy to be impressed with how hard Jeff has worked to turn his life around. You already know about his educational accomplishments, and his interaction with hundreds, and even thousands of people across the country. Few inmates even care about others, save at best one or two intimate family members. How many, though, work hard to reduce the needless pain and suffering threatened by alcohol and drug abuse, working with people they don't even know. But that is Jeff Perrotte.

Still, even with all he has accomplished, it took my personal visits to see Jeff to seal my commitment to helping convince you to parole him this summer. First, I traveled to Blyth to see him at CVSP during May 2005. I didn't have to do that, but Jeff's story so compelled me that I had to see for myself what kind of man he was. Needless to say, he impressed me with his candidness, contrition, and commitment to change.

On March 4, 2007, I made an 80-mile side trip just to visit with Jeff for a few minutes at the California Correction Institute at Tehachapi. Those 90 minutes we spent together alone convinced me beyond any remaining doubt that this man should be paroled. His incredible investment in self-improvement aside, the concerns he expressed for his sons and daughters, his wife, for me and my family, and for those he has come to serve through his writings, prove his rehabilitation is complete. Even at that, there is one more thing I wish to share with you, and why I am so convinced Jeff's time for freedom has come.

We have a 22-year old friend (grew up with our children) who, we recently learned, has been habitually driving while drunk. It breaks our heart to know the potential for destruction in that young man's poor decisions. Without hesitation, Jeff offered to write to Cole, and try to help him change his life now, before he hurts someone. That is the kind of thing that only someone like Jeff Perrotte can do effectively.

Jeff and I talked about the day when my wife and I can visit him and his wife, Michele, at their California home...away from prison. Please, we would like to make that visit later this year, after you have paroled Jeff Perrotte. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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